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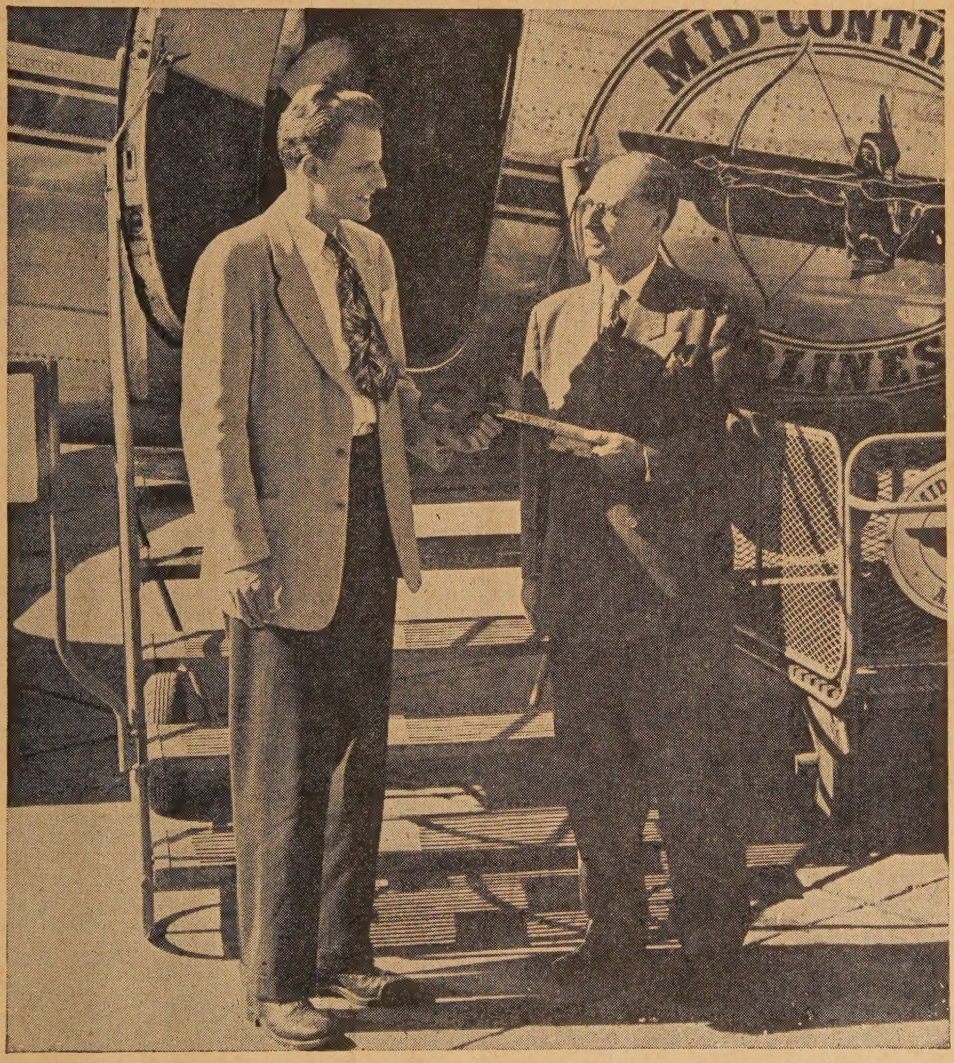

MAYOR PRESENTS EVANGELIST WITH KEY TO CITY

It happened in Des Moines (p. 16) but is typical of nationwide interest in evangelism

UEA

Readers Say-

Crusaders Wanted!

To the Editor:

If ever America needed a Crusader for Righteousness, this is the hour. I feel that the *UEA* was brought into being to bring America back to God.

It does no good merely to present the facts about Romanism and Communism. There must be a definite, furious, continual crusade against them matching their fury in an effort to get a throttle hold on America. We thank God you are giving publicity concerning these godless forces but that is not enough. Some one needs to crusade day and night against them with such a force as to arouse public conscience in America. As America was aroused over slavery. America must again be aroused over Catholicism and Communism.

I believe you can help. Not only write about it in a mild way but crusade, agitate, militate against it so as to bring a revival of faith and righteousness to this nation of the Pilgrim Founders. Do something! Do it quick! Save America! It will have to be done before election!

W. C. Moore

Los Angeles, Calif.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Read "America, Awake!" "Bob" Shuler, Jr., in this issue.]

OPC Action Clarified

To the Editor:

In your otherwise excellent report of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, there appears the following unfortunate statement: "Elder Murray Forst Thompson, staunch opponent of those who have held the views of Hamilton and Clark and a member of the committee from its inception, was not reelected."

As I recall it, the attitude of a man toward the views of Mr. Hamilton and Dr. Clark was not at all raised in connection with the elections to the standing committees of the Church. For that matter, some of those who have opposed these views far more strongly than has Mr. Thompson, were elected to the Committees with large majorities. On the other hand some of the chief advocates of these views were not even nominated to positions on the Committees.

Mr. Thompson was not present at the General Assembly. I understand that he had expressed the desire not to be reelected to the Committee on Foreign Missions. Hence, to the best of my recollection no one urged his re-election It might be well to point out that Mr. Thompson was a close friend and trusted adviser of the late Dr. J. Gresham Machen and one who played an important part in the events which led up to the formation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He is the author of the booklet, "The Auburn Betrayal," and has taken a distinguished part in the work of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Edward J. Young

Willow Grove, Pa.

Methodist Evangelicals

To the Editor:

Your short editorial in the August 15 issue about the Methodist Church caught my eye, since I recently joined that church because of its Christian ecumenical stand and because I was challenged and inspired by Youth for Christ and Christian Endeavor rallies to "light a candle rather than curse the darkness." It is true that the Methodist Church from the top down is saturated with "liberalism", especially in the East, but it must be brought out that the large majority of laymen in the Methodist Church are evangelical and are hungry for the Word of God and an evangelical ministry. Many Methodist churches are suffering from the lack of evangelical ministry.

Jesus challenges us, "If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). These churches plead to evangelicals, "Come over and help us."

John R. Jehle

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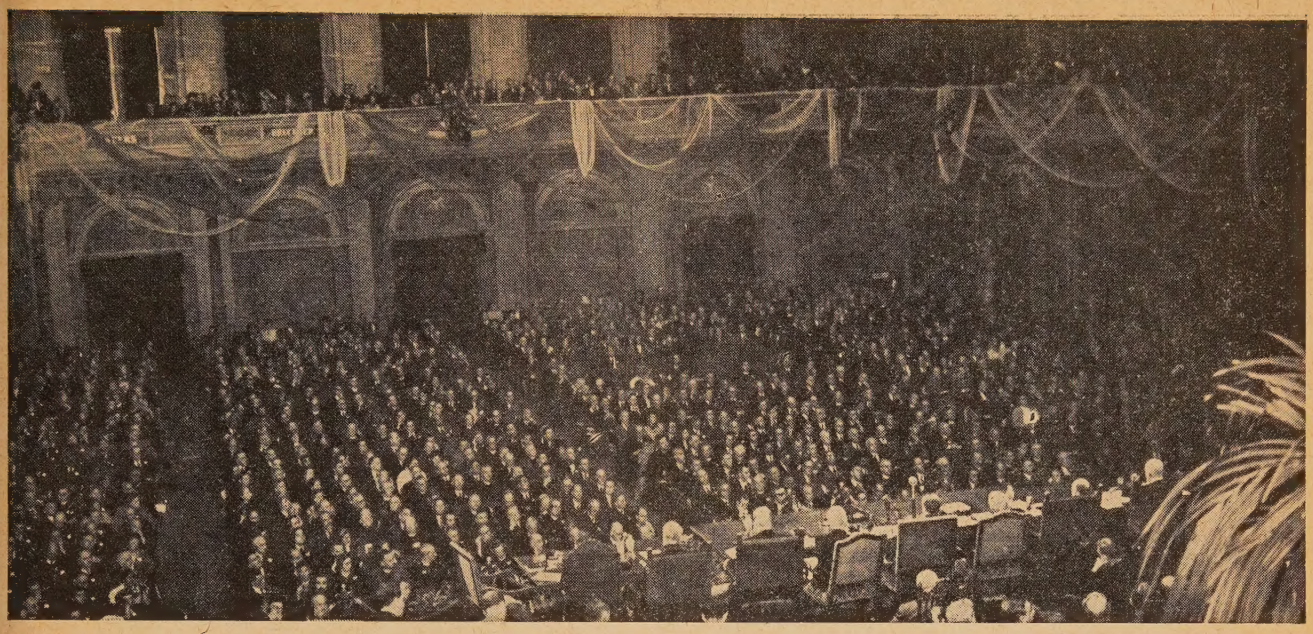

First Plenary Session of the World Council of Churches in the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM AS APPRAISED BY AN EVANGELICAL

R. L. DECKER

(Continued from last issue)

ANY attempt to make a fair and accurate appraisal of the Amsterdam Assembly must distinguish between the addresses which were made by the speakers at Amsterdam, the officially adopted pronouncements of the Assembly, and actions taken by the Assembly from the reports brought to it by the Study Commissions. It is not yet possible to make a careful study of the reports submitted to the Assembly by the Study Commissions. Therefore in this article an attempt is made to appraise the significance of some of the addresses made at Amsterdam, the pronouncements made, and some of the actions taken. A later article will deal with the reports from the Study Commissions.

The sermon by Rev. D. T. Niles at the opening worship service has already been discussed, as has the remarkable address by Professor Karl Barth (UEA, October 1). Some of the other significant addresses were those by Dr. John Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary, Professor Clarence T. Craig, Dr. Joseph L. Hromadka, Hon. John Foster Dulles, Bishop Stephen Neill of the Church of England, and Pastor Niemoeller of Germany.

It should be pointed out that these were addresses made before the plenary sessions of the Assembly, or, as in the case of Professor Hromadka, at the visitors' meeting. Some of the most significant utterances given at Amsterdam were before the sectional meetings, which were secret and therefore cannot be reported only as they were summarized in press conferences. Some attention will be given to them in this and later articles.

Dr. Mackay insisted that the missionary cause had not only given birth to the ecumenical movement resulting in the formation of the World Council of Churches, but that missions is the only sufficient reason for the existence of such an ecumenical organization. He expressed the hope that the World Council would always maintain, as the International Missionary Conference has maintained, that missionary activity is both a native right of all Christians and a permanent obligation of the whole Christian Church. He said there are two basic reasons why the Church should be missionary. First, that the Church's own health requires it, and secondly, that the Lordship of Jesus Christ demands that the Church be missionary. He drew a contrast between the so-called "worshipping" church, and the "missionary" church. He remarked that the devout worship of God has not always been accompanied by the missionary service of God, and that when this is the case, the Church becomes selfish, in-grown, divided by partisan leaders and controversies about petty things, and finally moribund. He closed with a strong appeal for the recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the Church, saying, "even a ministry of succour, however tenderly expressed and efficiently organized, will not meet the needs of the human situation. When the world craves to know the meaning of salvation, and when millions have been disillusioned by devotion to false saviours, it is the time of all times for the Christian Church, by word and

deed, to interpret to passionate and despairing people that there is a Redeemer who can give true life to men and establish righteousness and judgment on the earth. We cannot remind ourselves too often in an hour like this, that the Head of the church is the living Lord Jesus Christ." This earnest and eloquent plea drew an enthusiastic response from many of the listeners. It was the basis for much discussion in the halls after the session.

I did not talk with any of the delegates of the Eastern Orthodox Church present, but I was told by one who had that their reaction to this address was not favorable in that they interpreted it to mean that others than Eastern Orthodox would have the right to send missionaries to countries where their church is predominant. I doubt if that is what Dr. Mackay had in mind, but it brought up a point about which one of the sections was asked to make a decision; that is, whether in the exercise of religious liberty, various groups have the right to present their views and receive proselytes from other bodies in Christendom than their own. In view of the fact that the Eastern Orthodox Church does not approve the Baptists, for example, in Roumania, it is easily understandable that their reaction to this strong address would not be favorable.

A great deal of attention was paid in the press to the so-called controversy between Prof. Hromadka and Hon. John Foster Dulles. I heard Prof. Hromadka in his address to the visitors' meeting. I got the impression that he was an earnest Christian, that he was pleading for western Christians to recognize the fact that the world revolution which is going on everywhere, but which is most apparent in conditions in southeastern Europe, is due to a deep dis-order in society, which no political system is responsible for, and no political system can cure, but for which the "existential" church has a good word, or the Gospel. Prof. Hromadka has been accused in the press of being a Communist sympathizer, but the statements he made in my hearing would not support this accusation. He simply said that up to the present time in his own Communist dominated country there was religious liberty. He did not know what there would be in the future, but he did not wish the western Christians to feel that they were the only ones who possessed religious liberty. In fact, he said, there is often less religious liberty in the western democracies than the western Christians think there is. He said, "We are living in a time of revolutionary turmoil; we do not know what may come tomorrow; all is uncertain, unstable, in motion. But the church of Christ has become much more relevant. She has ceased to be a decoration of life, a relic from the past, a clerical institution or a club for religious refinement. The Church is returning to her true mission; to be a fellowship of those who have been rescued and brought back into the obedience of Jesus Christ, in whose Name they glorify God and render service unto men—unto men without regard to political, national, or cultural affiliations. Since many, if not all, values of our civilizations have become uncertain and questioned, and also the very principles of justice, freedom, human rights are in a process of revision, of trans-valuation, the church is carrying on as a link with the prophetic, apostolic, Reformation days, and as a witness to what is eternal, unshakable, true, just and sacred. Her very existence and genuine witness to the Lord of Hosts, to the Crucified and Risen, are in themselves a manifestation of the divine mercy and the ground on which the people stand without fear and despair."

On the other hand, Mr. Dulles' speech condemned Communism as a political philosophy because of its resort to force, and because Communism does not recognize the fundamental value of the individual person as the creature of God. He made a strong plea for the Church to resist Communism on its own ground by providing mankind with those things which Communism claims can only be attained by revolutionary and forcible methods. He also plead for a solution of these problems on the part of the church without the resort to force, although he said it might be necessary to take a firm stand against Communism, implying the use of military might. He seemed to feel that the doctrine of the universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man is sufficient as a philosophical foundation upon which the Christian program can be based.

These divergent views on Communism were interpreted as an expression of the so-called East-West tension in the Assembly. Undoubtedly some among the attendants the sessions and the reporters the proceedings were more sensit to this tension than others. T Assembly took notice of it with adoption of a resolution refer to it by Section III, which c demned both Communism a Capitalism as economic syste When President Charles Taft of Federal Council, who was abs from the Assembly when this re lution was adopted, returned, proposed an amendment wh would not be so offensive to capitalists in America, who are s generous supporters of both Federal Council and the Wo Council. Mr. Taft did not succ in getting all of his amendm adopted, but he did succeed in g ting into the resolution a modif tion of the term "Capitalism," adding the words *"laissez faire."* the World Council paid its respe to contributors to its finances America, who are said to prov some fifty-five per cent of financial support.

The adoption of this resolutio a very good example of the comp mises which the Assembly, in very nature of its make-up, had make at Amsterdam and will c tinually have to make.

One of the major questions w which the Assembly had to grap is the nature of the Church. C mission I of the four commissi headed the study program on " Universal Church in God's Desig As I pointed out in our first arti scholars have been working on subject for the past ten years the results of their work were m available to the members of section in book form at Amsterd Before the Assembly divided i sections to continue the study of problem and to formulate a re for the Assembly, Dr. Clarence Craig gave a very remarkable dress, in which he introduced subject of "The Universal Chu in God's Design," by pointing seven things in which he said who were there would agree on garding the Church: five thi about which they would disag and three possible attitudes wh could be taken toward the agreement.

The seven points of agreement stated as: (1) a belief that Church is God's creation, not ma (2) that God has redeemed pe through Jesus Christ who died,

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NAE ACQUIRES A HELPMATE

VERDA BLOOMHUFF

SOME three thousand years ago King Solomon placed a high estimate on womankind:

A worthy woman who can find?
For her price is far above rubies.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the law of kindness is on her tongue.

—Proverbs 31:10, 20, 26.

Long aware of the important place of women in the work of the Church, the National Association of Evangelicals has recently recognized the need for a medium through which the wives and sisters of NAE leaders and other evangelical church women might make an invaluable contribution to the program of the movement. Since its inception six years ago the NAE has been a *man's* organization, composed of ministers, evangelists, Bible school leaders —all *men*. Now women have been accorded their rightful place in the "sun" of the NAE work. Achievement of the numerous and worthy objectives of the National Association of Evangelicals is considered the task of *all* evangelicals—men and women, laymen and ministry.

As long ago as the Minneapolis Convention in 1946 NAE leaders were beginning to feel the definite need for a woman's hand in the tremendous task which this comparatively young movement was executing with such fervor and such encouraging results. A "Ladies Luncheon" was arranged where women delegates to the convention met for fellowship. The next year at Omaha another "Evangelical Women's Luncheon Meeting" was called. Then last spring, in special sessions of women in the Gold Room of Congress Hotel during the Sixth Annual NAE Convention in Chicago, the "Women's Fellowship of the National Association of Evangelicals" came into being.

Mrs. Leslie R. Marston, Greenville, Ill. (wife of Bishop Marston, former president of the NAE) was elected chairman of the new women's affiliate of the national body; Mrs. J. Roswell Flower, Springfield, Mo., vice-chairman; Miss Elizabeth M. Evans, Boston, Mass., secretary and Mrs. Merrill C. Tenney, Wheaton, Ill., treasurer.

The following members-at-large were selected: Mrs. Theodore H. Elsner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Clarence Bouma, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. H. H. Savage, Pontiac, Mich.

In addition, an advisory council of key women across the country (two to four in each state) was chosen, representing all the major denominations interested in the NAE: Mrs. Robert Edgecomb, Portland, Me.; Mrs. J. Elwin Wright, Boston; Mrs. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Donald Lourie, W. Rupert, Vt.; Mrs. Buell Maxfield, Concord, N. H.; Mrs. Arnold Borgman, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Wallace Padden, New York City; Mrs. Stephen W. Paine, Houghton, N. Y.; Mrs. Dale Crowley, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Graham Gilmer, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Kelley Barnes, Toccoa Falls, Ga.; Mrs. Robert McQuilkin, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. Bob Jones, Jr., Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Clarence Roddy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Hugh White, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. C. V. Gustafson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. R. P. Ditmer, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Mabel Moore, Chicago; Miss Beatrice Shillito, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Robert Brown, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Wm. H. Lee Spratt, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Roy S. Hollomon, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. John Brown, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Mrs. Billy Sunday, Winona Lake, Ind.; Mrs. R. L. Decker, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Benjamin Moore, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Albert Johnson, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Don Householder, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Clarence Snyder, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Walter Rawlings, Tustin, Calif.

Committees have been appointed to care for the following needs of

(Left to right): Mrs. Theodore Elsner, member-at-large; Mrs. M. C. Tenney, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth M. Evans, secretary, and Mrs. Leslie R. Marston, chairman.

special interest to women: War Relief, Christian Education, Prayer Groups, Social Justice and Action, Missionary, The Home Front, Personal Evangelism and Promotion. Other departments are being planned.

As chairman of the Relief Committee, Mrs. Theodore H. Elsner suggests how women may aid in this most worthy enterprise:

Women were made to be helpers, and therefore our first concern should be this objective, "Helping Humanity Heavenward." A real opportunity is before us which embraces the whole world and we will be practical in embracing this challenge. John Wesley declared that the whole world is our parish, and God honored him for his world-wide vision. This is the very vision we need today. Fortunately we have the War Relief Commission of the NAE in united action and we propose to unite the women in this worthy work of welfare world wide.

We suggest that NAE women call together the women of their churches as we did recently and found nearly one hundred women waiting for action. Get them to collect all the clothing they possibly can, not only from among the members of your own church but from the women of the community and from among many churches.

Mrs. J. Roswell Flower, chairman of the Home Committee, stresses the importance of the Christian home in combating evils abroad in the world today:

Every Christian woman is concerned over the increasing youth delinquency in the hour of world crisis. How continuously we should pray for every effort made to reach them with the Gospel message, particularly in Christian Youth Conferences throughout our nation. Then may God give special grace and strength in our individual homes, that we may be successful Christian home-makers. More than this, may we encourage mothers and wives all over our land to feel a fresh responsibility for the spiritual welfare of their homes. Here is where the breakdown with our youth began; and here is where the problem today must be faced.

A wise newspaper reporter writes: "Home, more than school or church or amusement center, determines human character, and it is personal character in the mass that determines the nation's future. A court plaster will never cure cancer nor a bouquet of flowers a fever. A good physician seeks the root of the disease and prescribes a remedy adequate to cure it. So in this day and age, when the very foundation of our civilization is being attacked by the termites of paganism, dissoluteness, glamorized infidelity and glorified dissipation, Hollywood glitter and sophisticated drunkenness, sneers at decency and ridicule of virtue, there is only one agency capable of warding off destruction — Christian character bred, nurtured and matured in a Christian home."

Formation of local chapters of the NAE Women's Fellowship is being encouraged in every possible way. Literature is being sent out urging women across the nation to further the NAE locally, to promote relief work, to assist in organizing Christian Day schools, to influence Congress on important issues, to aid in social and home missionary efforts, to form local councils of women for the salvation and organization of women, and to promote other projects particularly along the lines of women's interests.

You may help to form a local chapter in your own community. Your assistance is urgently requested and needed. Write to the Fellowship not only for further information but for membership cards. Enroll the women of your own church. Form an interdenominational chapter. In cities, encourage the formation of a chapter in each section of the city. Use a few minutes in your missionary circle, your adult Bible class, your prayer meeting, your women's Bible study, as well as in services especially called for the purpose, to acquaint people with the work being accomplished by the National Association of Evangelicals. Enlist the local women. Write for the monthly bulletin being prepared especially for women. For complete information regarding the new NAE Women's Fellowship send your name and address to the secretary, Miss Elizabeth M. Evans, 9 Park St., Boston 8, Mass.

Why have a Women's Fellowship for the National Association of Evangelicals? Because the extreme world challenge of this hour demands an all-out effort to enter every open door with the Gospel. Because succor for body as well as soul is imperative now and women can meet this need effectively. Because NAE leaders have definitely decided there is important assistance to be given by a strong, united effort on the part of consecrated evangelical women. And because God gave woman to be a helpmate to man.

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Amsterdam Appraised

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became Lord of the Church; (3 that the Church is marked by th presence of the Holy Spirit, th preaching of the Gospel, and th administration of the sacrament (4) that the Church is set apart holiness, as a worshipping commu nity; (5) that the Church is relate to two worlds, composed of fo given sinners on the one hand, an heirs of the kingdom of God on th other; (6) that the ministry equipped by God by gifts of th Spirit for the building up of th Body of Christ; (7) that the Churc is one in its very nature.

The points of disagreement h described as: (1) we are not one i our understanding of the degree c continuity between the people c God under the old and the ne covenant; (2) we are not one o the degree to which the Church the mystical body of Christ; (3) w are not one in our understandin of the authority of tradition a alongside of Scripture; (4) we ar not one in our understanding of th location of authority for the Churc whether it is in the local congrega tion or in an hierarchal government (5) we are not one in our under standing of continuity in the Churc

(To be continued)

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Needy China

One-eighth of China's populatio or 55,000,000 people, are homeles as the result of civil war or summe floods, according to the Ministr of Social Affairs. Persons who hav fled the fighting areas are estimate at 43,551,000, and the victims o floods and resultant famine tota some 11,000,000.

The greatest concentrations o refugees are in the larger cities Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Tient sin, Tsingtao, Hankow and Sian But every walled city within th fighting areas or nearby has it quota from the surrounding country side.

Although American church peopl have not lost their interest in China conditions are such politically an economically that it is next to im possible to help her. From th standpoint of need Christian relie workers have never had a greate opportunity than now to demon strate the meaning of Christia charity. Pray that the obstacles ma be overcome.

ECCLESIASTICAL OCTOPUS*

4. The Meagerness of FCC Social Service

ERNEST GORDON

Religion and Health

THE Commission on Religion and Health of the FCC had been in existence for five years hen a report of its work for this riod came from the hand of Dean oward Chandler Robbins of St. hn's Cathedral, who wrote,

Perhaps the outstanding achievement the five years of the existence of the ommission on Religion and Health *is e further development of the personal lations of its members . . . The dinner eetings have been so interesting, so ely, and so important* that members ve been unwilling to miss them.

Mention is made of conferences some fifty places and seminars r army chaplains and USO direc- rs. The chairman, Rev. Otis R. ice, speaks of the future:

It is my hope that the Commission will much in the way of careful explora- n and interpretation of the various sciples associated with health in its rious aspects. As a liaison agency we ust at least explore the many channels rough which work can be done.

The usual FCC ring — confer- ıces, seminars, discussions, proj- ts, explorations. A considerable ımber of leaflets on religion and ental health have been issued. *eligion and Health* by Mr. Hiltner, ecutive of the Commission, is con- rned rather with "religion" than ith the intervention of the Lord sus Himself in sick lives for their aling. "Healing influences which e permitted to operate through the ethod of prayer are not necessar- more religious than those set in otion by the surgeon's knife or the ychiatrist's analysis." In the pray- of faith of James 5:15 then, he ıs apparently little confidence but vith such groups as Christian Sci- ıce, rapprochement may be pos- ble in less time than most people ink."

His first objective "is to improve the pastoral functioning of ministers. He quotes Dr. Fosdick's characterization of "contemporary psychology as an indispensable resource for the minister who is trying to practice the cure of souls." He comes out of the Chicago Divinity School and in their organ, the *Journal of Religion,* Jan. 1945, discusses "Conscience." In this essay he makes no mention of the Holy Spirit's relation to conscience but finds in "the perverse psychological tool for understanding the theology of conscience." A prurient Viennese Jew is mentioned twenty-five times in this paper: Christ but once.

In a union of ministers in Philadelphia during a FCC preaching mission, Mr. Hiltner discussed the Gadarene demoniac, assuming that his was a purely psychopathic case and no instance of possession. The cries of the demoniac to Jesus were explained as "the defense mechanism of a maladjusted person" (*Presbyterian Guardian,* Feb. 1941).

The narrative was emptied of its supernatural content and made the basis of a homily on the pastoral care of the mentally sick. The supernatural Christ was reduced to a mere psychiatrist with wonderful insight into the hearts of men. Blumhardt of Moettlingen would have told him otherwise.

The Commission on Religion and Health is planning the establishment of a pastoral journal of this orientation. Also for a World Conference on Religion and Health.

Without discourtesy we may say that these opinions of Mr. Hiltner would be of little concern to Christian people if he were not Executive Secretary of a fruitless committee of the FCC, which committee they support on a budget of $11,800 annually.

The Liquor Business

Another member of this Commission, Rev. O. R. Rice, writes of the cure of drunkards:

The minister of religion almost inevitably must concern himself with the problem of alcohol addiction.

(How well our poor ministers know it! But during the twelve years of National Prohibition they were untroubled.)

Organized religion provides certain valuable resources for dealing with alcoholics. *A sound theology assists a man to believe in himself.*

(Tell that to a hopeless drunkard.)

There is evidence that *religion* and *religious* ministry have therapeutic effects.

Christ is not mentioned by these Federal Council theoreticians yet it is He who destroys the satanic bondage to drink. What Christians are interested in is not verbal discussion but regenerating power as shown in rescue missions, Salvationist warfare, in Jerry Macauley, Harry Munroe, Mel Trotter, Martin Walsh. These soldiers of Christ are short on dinner conferences and seminars but abound in a wonder-working Gospel.

Repeal Associates, a wet group, are circulating a sermon preached by Dean Robbins of this Commission on Religion and Health, the text being "Fill with the Spirit," the context, a paean to wine-drinking. "It is foolish to call alcohol a poison: we all know better." That "we" certainly includes no toxicologist or textbook on toxicology.

When the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol was established, the ever-blundering FCC hurried to send its word of commendation presumably in behalf of twenty-two million Protestants (*FCC Report,* 1938, p. 202). This council is largely financed by distillers, once bootleggers. The FCC has also gone along with the Yale School of Studies on Alcohol, choosing the young ministers for indoctrination there and otherwise cooperating, Mr. Hiltner being on the editorial board of its *Quarterly Journal.* This school is in close touch with the distillers' propaganda

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agency CABI. Its teaching is reactionary, minimizing the intrinsic dangers from alcohol at too many points to be accepted as unbiased, and is engaged in popularizing such faded paradoxes as that alcohol is a food. It would apparently, if it could sterilize temperance instruction in the public schools. The FCC is selling its literature (*Bulletin,* Sept. 17, 1945) describing it as "the most authoritative conclusions on the subject," which is not the truth. The Commission on Religion and Health publishes *Alcohol Problems Dissected* by the Director of the Yale School and is preparing a basic text on alcohol in collaboration with the International Council of Religious Education, presumably along Yale lines. Four members of the Religion and Health Commission serve as faculty lecturers at the School.[1]

The leaders of the American churches of an earlier day laid the foundation of what was then called "The Temperance Reformation." What a roll of names in its leadership — Anthony Benezet, Lyman Beecher, Mark Hopkins, William E. Dodge, Neal Dow, Albert Barnes, Charles F. Finney, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, John M. Stearns, Theodore Guyler, and a host of others later, both men and women. The FCC has existed during the greatest later period of this movement, great in its triumph, great in its present prostration.

When the first steps were taken in 1902 looking to the formation of a Federation of American Churches, a letter was sent out describing the operations proposed. "We believe that the great Christian bodies in our country should stand together to give an impulse to all great movements that make for righteousness . . . *questions like that of the saloon*" and ten other stated subjects. In its earlier years, and especially when the dry movement was at flood-tide, the FCC supported Prohibition with strong pronouncements. In 1913 it organized a Committee on Temperance whose chairman was Dan Poling. His activities resolved themselves into such familiar travelogs as "the chairman, Dr. Dan A. Poling, spent nearly four months making first-hand investigations in the camps in the United Kingdom and France in the early part of 1918" (*Report FCC* 1918, p. 107).

On the other hand Mr. Charles Stelzle, in the years 1916-20, was a man of fertile mind, a keen and energetic organizer, whose "Strengthen America Movement" under FCC auspices promised important developments and at the time really accomplished much. The FCC absorbed the old National Temperance Society which, in the days of Wm. E. Dodge and John N. Stearns was a power in the land but which had gone stale, with its endowment, and preened itself on the fact that this merger "saved about $10,000 a year, a fair example of the waste of duplication, for which (saving) the FCC stands." The pair have proved no less sterile than before union.

In 1925 the *ad interim* committee of the FCC published an uncritical report on National Prohibition by its research secretary Dr. F. Ernest Johnson. It was a stab in the back which naturally "made five day headlines in all the newspapers of the country" and was reprinted by the liquor interests of Great Britain. Dr. Clarence T. Wilson disposed of its arguments.[2]

During the bitter decade which has followed Repeal the FCC has done nothing. In the FCC *Bulletin* for Jan. 1943 it published its program. This was a distinct abandonment of its previous position. It pronounced for control, regulation, reduction of stocks, and education. This statement was meaningless as it has not eventuated in action nor ever will. In the meantime the Episcopalians have come into the FCC in force and, as an official o the FCC said to the writer, "W cannot advocate Prohibition becaus of the Episcopalians." These alcoho clericals would never go along wit a program for "the ultimate extinc tion of the liquor traffic." Th Temperance Committee of the FC has no budget and has ceased t function.

Meanwhile the Quarterly Tem perance Lessons have been take out of Sunday school schedules an "responsibility for temperance i being removed from special board of temperance to social welfar boards" where it will be drowned i social verbiage (*FCC Report* 1935) And this at a time when drink i doing in America on an unprece dented scale what Cardinal Hlon describes it as doing in Europe "working frightful social havo causing incalculable economic dam age, undermining the vital and cre ative powers of populations and, a regards morals, acting like a hurri cane, breaking down in its way a the noblest of the human soul."

The FCC has, then, gone bank rupt in what was designed to be major function. If it had expende in intelligent anti-alcohol effort tithe of the energy devoted t pacifist agitation, we might be en joying a saloonless America. Th FCC should ponder the words o M. Marc Rucart, the French Minis ter of Health:

> War is a giant curse which we wi seek to destroy but alcohol is even wors It knows no truce or armistice. In th face of alcohol no one can be neutral pacifist.

What the FCC should have don is being done on a minor scale fo the churches by independent an scantily supported groups. I a thinking, for example, of suc enterprises as the N. Y. Civ League in watching the operatio of the New York legislature, an of the similar activities of the Inte national Reform Bureau in Was ington under W. F. Crafts, Canc Chase, and Clinton W. Howar which for half a century or mo has checked up on the Congress the United States. These men ha been *toujours en vedette.* They ha fought lotteries and prostitution an opium and alcohol and moral di in season and out, in fair weath and foul. They are useful salt th has helped to keep the nation fro falling apart of its own corruptio

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[1] A few random sentences from an article by Mr. Hiltner in the Yale *Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol* will serve to evaluate the Commission on Religion and Health:

"In summary, religion even when sound in ideas and directives, may be so interpreted, 'warped' if we use the normative view, as to negate intention. Functionally, religion should not be substitutive, eg. the feeling that one needs God's 'backing' only so far as interpersonal relationships prove unsatisfactory. Higher religion is vastly different from that. But quite naturally religious symbols (ideas or acts) lend themselves to emotional misrepresentation in a 'clutch for security' fashion. The only effective cure for individuals must lie in finding real instead of substitutive, or *ersatz,* security, and the challenge here is to better mental and emotional health education by family, school and church. A necessary first step, however, is diagnostic, that is to have as much understanding of the ways in which religious symbols may be misinterpreted as we have, for example, of the ways in which symbols of family relationships may be misinterpreted. The result certainly should not be 'knocking out props' which support people. But there should be analyses of the substitute and unreal security first as there should be visions of true and real securities. When this is done, religion will play a large part in security, but not in a substitutionary or projective sense . . ."

[2] A few months after Repeal the FCC invited Mr. Roosevelt, the author of Repeal, to speak at their Twenty-fifth Anniversary, omitting any reference to the subject in their "Message to the Churches." So do they sell the churches' conscience down river. One lone voice from the floor, that of Rev. Raymond Walker of Harrisburg, bravely laid at Mr. Roosevelt's door "the moral sag of Repeal which was making the work of the ministry so much more difficult" (*New York Times,* Dec. 8, 1933, p. 37).

AMERICA, AWAKE!

An Election Day Message to Evangelicals

"BOB" SHULER, JR.

MORE and more I am convinced that the vast majority of the American people are onest and sincerely love their county. I do not doubt that a public onscience that is enlightened will gister right. In other words, the ils that exist cannot exist if the eople know of their existence and so know a remedy. If this is true, is most heartening and I am conced that it is true.

Therefore the awakening of pubc sentiment is the task of the age. he man who can help the people arrive at the facts may be a very umble instrument but he is doing work that is fundamental to the ving of this Republic. Nothing n successfully substitute for his essage and mission. No agent of vilization can render a more telling rvice.

The fact that people ordinarily roceed with seeming unconcern as conditions about them that have do with the public weal is not to charged against them. Men and omen are crowded today with all o many things to which they must ve attention. The table must have read upon it. In fact, it must have ore than bread. The little children ust be educated. There are shoes buy. A car must be maintained. he mortgage on the little home ust be met. In fact, every spare our is taken. A man has little time inform himself as to his governent, as to the rights and wrongs public matters, as to the justice that reigns or the injustice that is a disgrace to the land.

Down in his heart, the man I am describing is right. He wants his children to be reared in a clean environment. He is for law and order. He believes that grafters and crooks should not occupy public office. He loves his country, believes in the Constitution and would, if need be, give his very life for the flag. His one and only trouble is that he is busy, tremendously busy.

And this man is a type. Thousands about him are like him. In fact, the nation teems with millions of such men and women.

Their ignorance of conditions explains the survival of those conditions. Arouse them, inform them and such conditions cannot obtain.

The cure for the wave of lawlessness that is sweeping the land is an awakened public sentiment. That is also the cure for graft. It is the cure for every evil that is striking at the foundations of our Republic. If the people think, mighty wrongs tremble. If the men and women of the nation know the facts, the towers of iniquity tumble to the dust. All we need in America today is sound thinking on the liquor problem, which has become undoubtedly the most vexing issue that confronts our Nation, and which evil threatens the moral character and spiritual integrity, not only of millions of individuals, but of the Nation itself. A thinking people cannot permit such a situation to endure.

It is for this reason that I have ever contended that the "watchman on the walls" is not to be despised. He may be an alarmist. He may be extreme in his stand. He may cry too loud in crying aloud. But his mission has to do with the soul of the Nation and his message is as necessary as the burglar alarm when the thieves are busy. Men will hate him, detest his activities and do their best to drive him from the community, but when the character of the men who oppose him is known, his usefulness in the community increases and he grows strong in the genuine esteem of the real citizenry.

Such a man will be called an alarmist for the very simple reason that he is one. If the man who cries out that the thief approaches is not an alarmist, what is he? And what greater service could he render? Verily, there is no gospel like the gospel of alarm when the hour of peril approaches.

It seems that God has needed only a few men for the stirring of public sentiment when the hour has come for battle against monstrous crimes that have afflicted the ages. The prophet has been a scout. He has never been an army. He has proceeded through the night alone and many a man has called him a fool as he has gone upon his mission. The army has followed. In fact, the army would have slept through the night and into the jaws of death, had the fool not crept out into the darkness and come reeling back to his sleeping comrades with the alarm.

An awakened public sentiment will save us. In my own state of California almost one hundred thousand down-and-out drunkards are the result of repeal up to the present writing. Our jails and lunatic asylums are crowded. Practically one hundred thousand arrests were made last year for drunkenness and for drunk driving. Liquor figures in fifty per cent of the crimes that are committed in this state. And what I say of California is more or less true of the whole Nation. The facts are terrible. They are astounding. They are almost paralyzing. All we need to do is to get these facts to the people and shake them loose from their lethargy, so that they may really understand the menace that is at our gates. Inform the people. Stir the people, Lead the people. Get out the vote.

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the FCC has established in Washington might follow their example.

"Syphilis and alcohol are making German cities the graveyards of the nation," said Prof. Lenz of Munich recently and the same is becoming true of American cities under Repeal. A FCC Commission on Health ought to have put these two scourges in the first place on its program of attack but it has done nothing. As to the disagreeable record of the FCC in sex education a few words will suffice.

Marriage and the Home

The FCC Commission on Preparation for Marriage and Home Making has in its membership Messrs. Cavert, Tippy and Winchester of the FCC, Poling of Christian Endeavor, Getty of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and other bureaucrats. It issued a manual for leaders of young people of teen age, *Young People's Relationships,* written by Dr. Winchester, chairman of the FCC Board of Christian Education. Its publication would have been enough to end the life of any religious organization less tough than the Federal Council.

Its unsavory contents are no longer news. What is of interest is to understand how a nominally Christian group could descend to such stupid lubricity. When it was published "the color of sex was pervading all our thinking" (Prof. Grandgent, *Prunes and Prisms,* p. 8). College students had discovered Freud and articles were appearing in *Scribners* and the *Forum* of truly Freudian indecency. Professors were being accused of corrupting girls with psychoanalysis. John Haynes Holmes and others were commending "companionate marriages." *Young People's Relationships* fitted into the "frank" tendencies of the time.

Again when discussion of birth limitation came along the ever-ready FCC felt called to express its opinion. This brought from the Presbyterian General Assembly an indignant resolution "that the FCC be instructed hereafter to hold its peace on questions of delicacy and morality." Fifteen years later (Jan. 15, 1946) the Executive Council of the FCC issued a call for larger families. "People of good health and good principles should have their full quota of children. Second birth is impossible without a first birth" (At last a concern for evangelical teaching. John 3:31). "There should be at least three or four children."

So are we advised and shepherded! Now left, now right!

The FCC made its pronouncement on this subject in 1931; the Pope his in 1944, diametrically opposite. After all it is a concern of the private conscience, not of popes, least of all Protestant ones.

Which holds also of such FCC manuals as Wood's *Harmony in Marriage* with its elaborate descriptions of the human *intima* and the mechanics of coition. The FCC issues them not because of a shortage of such literature. Indeed the FCC and the International Council of Religious Education issue jointly a bibliography of thirty-one pages largely given over to these matters, and in 1941 Mr. Wood issued a similar selected booklist. Literature of this type is presumably a profitable venture, ministering as it does to curiosity. One of Mr. Wood's books has had a sale of beyond 60,000 copies.

If the FCC were a Christian organization it would in place of all this publish *A Guide to Holiness,* for holiness is the most important thing in the world, without which no man shall see God either here or hereafter.

A more recent illustration of FCC ethics was a war-time communication on the letterhead of the FCC, G. A. Buttrick, President, S. M. Cavert, General Secretary, from L. Foster Woods of the Commission on Marriage and the Home. (Budget for this Commission in 1946, $9,746). It had to do with disgraceful diseases and enclosed a leaflet entitled "So long boys. Take care of yourselves" which it endorsed (*Bulletin* of FCC Feb. 1941). "This should be a help to all pastors and parents who, in sending away their young men to military camps want to feel sure that they have prepared them as well as possible to meet moral hazards." The text dealt with "protective sheathes and thorough washing afterwards."

Are there none in the FCC constituency to denounce such operations. Must protest come ever and always from without?

Certainly there is a great need of warfare on social diseases which among other things are responsible for the fate of over 20,000 blind in our land and the FCC, instead of compounding with them in this way, might well lead in an attack on them, but it is too timid, too indifferent, to engage in conflict. Furthermore, war on syphilis turns directly into war on nightclubs and saloons, the tributaries and outer defenses of the brewery and a writer in the *American Mercury* has noted that the Federal Council steps lightly on this issue. "It avoids committing the churches to Prohibition."

Church and Drama

For pillow-fighting and shadow boxing, on the other hand, it is more competent. Thus it inaugurated "a Church and Drama Committee which is exercising a potent influence in encouraging worthy production on stage and screen." Dr. Fosdick declared "the work of (this) Church and Drama Association as important as the cause of missions . . . I shall appoint a committee in my church to cooperate. . . . The men who serve on this committee will be asked to do so as their contribution to the work of the Church of Christ" (*FCC Bulletin,* Dec. 1928 p. 21).

Certainly the Rockefellersid Church was the place to begin movement to clean up Hollywoo for Rockefeller investments i Twentieth Century-Fox and i Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer throug Chase National Bank are very gre indeed. Hollywood companies a pear to have sought to protect then selves from criticism of "the ma of filth it is producing" (the wor are Canon Chase's) by hiring Pre byterian elder Will Hays as a publ relations Judas-goat and Mr. Ha was directly active in promoting pension fund for ministers. Th was the prologue to an extensiv campaign to attach the clergy to h chariot wheels. As the *New Yo Times* said editorially (Dec. 1 1929):

His chief business is to keep the moti picture industry in good standing wi clerical circles. Trips to California we organized and a surprising amount harmless "inspection work" was fou for persons whose endorsement wou suggest respectable public opinion. Pe haps the hard-boiled producers the selves were surprised to observe the lam like attitude of these pilgrims. . . . T further church groups are away fr personal entanglement with the comm cial amusement representatives, the gre er their influence will be.

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NGLISH EVANGELICAL

THE evangelical cause in the British Isles has a great and good friend in Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, successor to Dr. G. Campbell rgan at Westminster Chapel, London.

Dr. Lloyd-Jones was a successful physician in ndon when Inter-Varsity Fellowship led him to a dy of the Scriptures. Today he preaches to two eat congregations each Lord's Day. Westminster its 2,500 and it is often filled, especially at the ening service.

During the past summer, while Dr. Lloyd-es was on vacation, such well-known American angelicals as Dr. Harold John Ockenga, of Park eet Church, Boston, occupied the Westminster apel pulpit and were well received by large au-nces.

There is no compromise of Biblical truth in s preaching. He exalts Jesus as the Messiah, rd, God and Savior. He, like his noble predeces-r, uses chiefly the expository method.

Dr. Lloyd-Jones is a warm advocate of world angelical cooperation along the lines pursued by e National Association of Evangelicals in Ameri-. He was at Clarens and is leading in current velopments in England.

J. D. M.

CC PRESSURE BEGINS

N SPITE of the protestations of World Coun-cil leaders, such as Dr. Visser t'Hooft, the Executive Secretary, that the World Council s no intention of being a "super church" or of nging undue pressure to bear upon its con-tuent churches, the fact is that evangelical ievers in Europe are already feeling the brunt such domineering pressure.

The evangelicals of Europe who met at Clar-s were very careful to take nothing but a posi-e attitude. They made no attack on the World uncil. In fact, the World Council was not dis-ssed in their meeting. They issued no pro-uncements against it.

But, when an account of the Clarens meeting s published in a certain evangelical paper in rope, which has come into our possession, in ich the Federal Council of Churches of Christ America was mentioned and characterized as peral" the Chairman of the Reconstruction nds Committee for the World Council in the ntry in which this paper is published, imme-tely wrote its editor threatening to cut his rch off from any share in reconstruction ds because of his sympathetic attitude toward Clarens Conference and his mild criticism of Federal Council in America.

R. L. Decker

ZURICH IN 1949

A DECISION of world-wide interest and significance was made by the Conference of Evangelical Leaders, meeting in Clarens, Switzerland, last August.

The Conference voted to conduct a World Congress of Evangelicals in the city of Zurich, Switzerland, in 1949. The exact date was not set, as this was left to the very representative committee which is now in process of organization. An announcement is expected within the next month.

All evangelical denominations, churches, mission boards, publication societies, Christian educational institutions of every level, evangelical radio broadcasts, together with interdenominational organizations operating in specialized fields across the world will be included in the invitation. The evening sessions will take the form of great mass meetings with thousands in attendance.

The need of the hour is quite evidently a demonstration to the world of the essential unity of those who hold the evangelical position expressed in such statements of faith as those of the National Association of Evangelicals, the World's Evangelical Alliance and other similar bodies. There needs also to be an exhibition, in which all may participate, of the work which evangelicals are actually doing throughout the world to accomplish the task of world evangelization.

This is no time for the expenditure of money and energy in the creation of world agencies which major merely in platitudes and generalities, or even in complex theological debates or grandiose dreams of world betterment on a political or social gospel basis. The world is too sick for such opiates. Nothing less than a virile Gospel will bring recovery. There will be a world-wide revival or an entire collapse of civilization within the next decade.

For this reason, there must be a "follow through" on a world-wide scale of the significant meetings held in Europe this summer by such groups as Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Youth for Christ, the Free Evangelical Churches, and the Conference of Evangelical Leaders. To be fully effective, these and many other groups must find a way to join hands, not for the purpose of creating another organization, but rather for the purpose of saying in language that can be universally understood: "This is the evangelical answer to the politically inadequate efforts of the United Nations, and the equally inadequate efforts of the World Council of Churches to lay a foundation for world security.

There is no security except in the salvation provided by Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, for a world lost and otherwise hopelessly doomed.

J. Elwin Wright

Protestant Persecution

Two Protestant churches in Spain were recently destroyed by Catholic Action mobs. Leaders of the movement have warned Protestants to close their churches and Protestant pastors to leave Spain. Evangelicals have been obliged to discontinue their schools and take their signs off their houses of worship. They may not hold funeral services except as a "dumb show" under police supervision. They have been barred from printing new songbooks and Bibles. Eleven Protestants meeting for prayer and Bible study in a Catholic home in Medina del Campo were recently arrested and fined 13,000 pesetas. It is said that the Franco government is much more inclined to allow liberty of worship than the Roman Catholic hierarchy which is constantly inciting the citizenry against Protestants.

Streptomycin to Russia

Quakers are building "bridges of friendship" between Americans and Russians: Their American Friends Service Committee is making a gift of streptomycin (a valuable new drug) to the people of Russia. The gift consists of 3,000 five-gram vials, valued at $25,000, and contains this inscription in Russian: "This streptomycin is a testimony of good will and friendship from the American Friends Service Committee to be used to promote health of the people of the USSR." The committee has expressed the hope that "this may be the first of a series of reciprocal gestures between Russians and Americans." The Quakers have been given permission to send the gift to Russia. It will be handled by the Russian Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

Canadian Union

The thing that Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists feared might come to pass in Canada is happening. Evangelical elements in these communions saw participation in the United Church of Canada as merely a stepping stone to absorption by the Church of England and the loss of their distinctive Christian testimony.

Now negotiations are in progress for "reunion." The Anglicans are "deploring the rift between the Mother Church and the Protestant churches" and believe that "a way for closer unity may be discovered." Dr. Gordon Sisco, secretary of the United Church, says there is "good reason for encouragement" over conversation between representatives of the two bodies.

Fortunately not all evangelicals went into the United Church. Canada is feeling the growing impact of the "continuing" churches and many new independent groups. Herein lies the hope of the evangelical cause in the Dominion.

Biological Warfare

Will God allow the carnal inventions of the human mind to destroy our so-called "Christian civilization"?

Speaking of the possibilities in biological warfare, the *International Journal of Immunology* recently analyzed the capabilities of some thirty-three disease-producing bacteria and viruses in spreading pestilence, famine, and destruction. Here are some of the methods now perfected:

Botulinus toxin, the most potent of all gastro-intestinal poisons—10,000 times more deadly than potassium cyanide. Can be easily spread from the air for pollution of water sources. Brings death in from one to ten days.

Leptospira, a germ maintained and transferred in the field in warm weather. Wash your hands in this contaminated water and you have this terrible disease.

Anthrax bacillus, toughest of all microbes, cannot be killed at the temperature at which water boils. Projectiles can be contaminated with it. Animals affected by it die inside of five days.

Pneumonic plague, considered superlative for military purposes. Mortality among humans may reach as high as ninety-five per cent. Sealed cultures can remain alive for as long as nine years.

Psittacosis or parrot's disease, a germ so minute it can pass through the pores of a dense porcelain filter, starts a fast-spreading epidemic. An entire population, humans and animals, can be infected with no one knowing the time of infection.

Gleanings

Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator for Palestine, and Col. Serot of the UN staff, were shot and killed by Jews in Jerusalem Friday, Sept. 17. Both Jewish and Arab authorities condemned the assassination.

The demand for the Scriptures in Japan is greater than ever before. A supply of 2,500,000 Scripture texts from America has been exhausted. Presses have now been set up in Japan and 100,000 copies are now on order there.

An increase of 990,430 members in the past ten years is reported by the Evangelical Church in Germany. The total membership in the four occupation zones is now 39,959,439.

Chinese Communist advances in Manchuria and North China have wiped out or hindered the work of eleven Protestant denominations and a number of independent missions. One of the hardest hit groups is the United Church of Canada. Others are Church of the Brethren, Lutherans, Northern Presbyterians, American and British Methodists, Southern Baptists, Church of England, English Baptists, American Congregationalists and Southern Presbyterians.

Labor and the Pope

Labor sources in Washington are re joicing over the recent *sub rosa* con ferences in the Vatican with America labor groups led by David Dubinsky.

Communism is still a threat in nu merous labor unions in this country Communists have enough control t call general strikes, stall the railroads cut coal digging, shut off electric pow er, silence newspapers and the radio They are working for power enoug to collapse the Government at som psychological moment.

Large numbers of laborers are Ro man Catholics—many not long in thi country from Europe. The Pope an Rome still loom large in their thinkin (?) and action. If this section of labo union membership can be immunize against Communism, labor union lea ders believe they can keep their fo lowers loyal to the USA. Evidently th Pope has given the word Dubinsk and his satellites want.

Yet there are those who say th Vatican has no political power in th country.

D P Commission

A three man Displaced Perso Commission has been appointed by th President, to direct the immigration 205,000 displaced Europeans to the U during the next two years. Th members of the Commission are: Ug Carusi, former U.S. Commissioner Immigration, who recently has bee working with the Government on th problem; Edward M. O'Connor, Exec tive Assistant of the War Reli Services of the National Catholic We fare Conference; and Harry N. Rose field, Assistant to Federal Securit Administrator Oscar Ewing. $2,000,0 was appropriated for the Commissio which is now setting up an organiz tion to administer the law.

Britain's Ambassador

Britain's new ambassador to t United States is a teetotaler, a practi ing Christian, and a firm believer the power of religion to help sol the world's big problems.

Sir Oliver Franks was born in Congregational manse. His fathe grandfather, uncles, and a cousin we ministers and his early leanings we in that direction. He insists, howeve that he was called into politics.

Though only forty-three years o Sir Oliver is mature in experien and gives promise of making a lar contribution to the diplomatic life the Capitol.

EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

UNITED ACTION—

ylor and Walkup n Speaking Tour

INNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Dr. Clyde Taylor, director of the NAE's shington (D. C.) office for Evancal Foreign Missions, will be heard n on an extended speaking tour of nesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. tour is being arranged by Rev. n W. Walkup, executive secretary the Upper Midwest Area of the E, who will accompany Dr. Taylor. he following tentative itinerary for meetings has been scheduled: Nov. – Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire and nominee, Wis.; 8 — Superior, Wis. Duluth, Minn.; 9 — Hibbing and ginia, Minn.; 10 — Grand Rapids Brainerd, Minn.; 11 — St. Cloud St. Paul, Minn.; 12 — St. Paul Minneapolis, Minn.; 13 — Mankato Worthington, Minn.; 14 — Sioux lls and Mitchell, S. D.; 15 — Rapid y, S. D.; 16 — Pierre and Huron, D.; 17 — Aberdeen, S. D. and Jamesvn, N. D.; 18 — Moorhead, Minn. Fargo, N. D.

r. Bob Jones, Sr. At NAE Luncheon

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The first nisters' meeting of this fall sponred by the Upper Midwest Area of e NAE took the form of a luncheon eeting in Hospitality House with Dr. b Jones, Sr., Greenville, S. C., eaking on the theme, "How Far Can e Go Together?" The next luncheon eeting will be November 12 in St. ul at the Christian Youth Center, th Dr. Clyde W. Taylor as speaker. Rev. John W. Walkup, executive cretary of the Upper Midwest Area, s announced plans for a series of llies and Laymen's Advisory Coun dinners in January 1949 with Dr. L. Decker, executive secretary of e NAE, bringing the messages.

regon Ministers Form Evangelical Fellowship

MEDFORD, Ore.—At a meeting of nisters of evangelical churches in ckson County at Colonial Inn here ans were formed for organization of a gue Valley Evangelical Ministers' llowship.

Rev. Milo Ross was elected temrary chairman and Rev. R. G. Keller as elected temporary secretary. A minating and constitutional committe of five were elected consisting of ev. C. Edwin Cox, convener; Rev. Mr. oss, Rev. Joseph K. Swank, Rev. O. . Klingsheim and Rev. R. G. Keller. he next meeting is to be held in e parlors of the First Presbyrian church, Medford, of which Rev. arry Hansen is the pastor.

The group sponsored an evangelical rally at the Free Methodist church here September 19. Rev. H. S. Lower, Portland, associate northwestern regional director of the National Association of Evangelicals, was the featured speaker.

The Jackson County Board of Christian Education, composed of some twenty churches in the Medford area, has been activated again and will conduct Bible classes in all the grade schools and the Junior High School of Medford, as well as in the Howard district. Three school boards of the area have unanimously agreed to allow the teaching of the Bible as literature and history. This is the third year of teaching in Jackson County, and nearly 1,600 pupils were enrolled by the close of last school season.

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—EDUCATION—

Calvin Enrollment Breaks All Records

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Enrollment this fall at Calvin College has again broken all records, it has been reported by Calvin officials. Incomplete registration records showed an enrollment of 1,400 students with others expected. Among the students at Calvin College and Seminary are five from The Netherlands, four of whom have registered under the new foreign student scholarship policy set up last February by Calvin's Board of Trustees.

Early this fall Calvin College was host to a group of some thirty scientists of Christian conviction for the third annual convention of the American Scientific Affiliation. This organization was formed for the purpose of correlating science and the Christian faith.

Plans for rebuilding the Calvin library are under way.

Freeman College Improves Quarters

FREEMAN, S. D.—Two exchange students from Germany and three Indian students from the Busby Mission Station in Montana are included among the 154 students enrolled in Freeman Junior College this fall. Improvements on the campus have been made during the summer months: The rooms and halls in the Administration Building have been painted, new venetian blinds put in the library, and the gymnasium floor refinished. Work on a new gym is proceeding.

OBU Convenes in New Auditorium

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—The formal convocation of Oklahoma Baptist University this fall was held in the new auditorium, accommodating the entire student body. With figures still incomplete, 1,284 students were reported enrolled, representing twenty-seven states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries — England, Cuba and China. This convocation marked the opening of the school's thirty-fifth annual session.

Fuller Seminary Opening Marked by Large Gains

LOS ANGELES—The faculty of the Fuller Theological Seminary has been completed for the present academic year with the addition of two lecturers in the field of practical theology. Dr. Harold L. Proppe, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hollywood, Calif., will become visiting professor of Homiletics and Dr. James Henry Hutchins, pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church of Pasadena, has been invited to become special lecturer in the Christian Life.

One hundred and eight students were registered Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21 and 22, and classes are being held in the Lake Avenue Congregational Church educational building, which the Seminary has leased for its academic activities until full use variance is secured for the former Cravens estate. Classes began Sept. 23.

In cooperation with some of the strongest evangelical churches in the Los Angeles area, the Seminary faculty arranged a Fuller Seminary Bible Conference, Sunday through Sunday, Sept. 26 to Oct. 3. Each of the faculty members appeared in sequence during the week at the First Baptist Church of Hollywood, Mission Covenant Church of Los Angeles, Lake Avenue Congregational Church of Pasadena, Grace Church of Pomona, San Gabriel Union Church of San Gabriel, and Bethany Church of Sierra Madre.

On Thursday night, Oct. 1, however, the Bible Conference activities yielded place to the Seminary's second annual

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convocation service in Pasadena, at which Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Boston's famed Park Street Church and president *in absentia* of the Seminary, brought the main address. Dr. Ockenga, who recently attended the World Council of Churches sessions in Amsterdam, gave significant evangelical echoes of ecumenical developments.

Reformed Bible Institute Sees Gains in Ten Years

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Reformed Bible Institute largely sponsored by the Christian Reformed Church opened its doors to sixty-two students for the 1948-1949 season here with Rev. H. J. Kuiper, chairman of the Institute Board delivering the convocation message, "Third Degree Christians."

The event marked the tenth year of the Institute. Rev. John H. Schaal, editor of the Sunday school papers of the Christian Reformed church and member of that denomination's board of missions became professor of Bible History. He will also teach subjects in the Sunday school curriculum.

The Institute is under the presidency of Rev. D. H. Walters, who has served in that capacity for the last five years. Ten years ago the school was started with Miss Johanna Timmer, then dean of women at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, as the acting head.

At present there is a staff of five full-time faculty members and two part-time instructors. This month the evening school opens with an anticipated enrollment of 250. Students are enrolled from thirteen states and Canada and represent five orthodox denominations.

NUCS Moves Its Offices To Grand Rapids, Mich.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Headquarters of the National Union of Christian Schools will be transferred from Chicago to Grand Rapids, Jacob Van't Hof, president, revealed here.

The school union, central organization for 130 Protestant day schools in the United States and Canada, has purchased a site here and will construct a new headquarters building at a cost of $50,000.

A campaign to raise $100,000 to finance the building and to underwrite an extensive textbook publication program will get under way in October. The appeal will be for $5 or more per family a year, Van't Hof said.

All activities of the union will be centered here, including publication of the *Christian Home and School* magazine, a pension trust fund for teachers, a service center for schools and promotion of new schools and the textbook program.

The union was established in 1920 when eighty Protestant day schools decided to affiliate. Each school is controlled by local school boards of parents, most of whom are members of the Christian Reformed and Reformed churches.

Decision to move to Grand Rapids was the proximity of Calvin College, source of most Christian school teachers, and because this city has a number of Christian day schools.

Lutherans Plead for God At Center of Education

BRONXVILLE, N. Y. — (RNS) Christians should support church colleges, it was urged at the 12th annu Reformation service held here on th campus of the Concordia Collegia Institute.

Rev. Adolph W. Wismar of the d partment of religion, Valparaiso Un versity, Ind., told 4,000 Lutherans a tending the service that the placing God at the center of mass educatio was the "unfinished reformation."

He assailed secular and denomina tional colleges for the prevalence modernism and neo-humanism on the campuses.

"Education which views God mere as a cosmic drift toward harmony ar fellowship and mutual aid, or as a impersonal force like electricity, wi fail our generation," he declared.

"The world has always had th problem of putting a roof over peo ple's heads and of getting food on th table," he continued. "In all the histor of the world this problem has neve been solved except through drench ing the world in the blood of brother Education which simply offers o world a little higher standard of livin is holding out to our young people an to their parents a bitter and va hope."

International Institute Opens Its Doors to DP's

SANTA PAULA, Calif.—The ne International Christian Institute California has opened near here. is located on a 196-acre site. There a several buildings in use. A fifty-tw room hotel has not yet been complete

The Institute has recently formed a alliance with the Baltic Evangelic Mission and expects to furnish a have for many DP orphans which will b brought to this country under gover ment auspices. They will be house in the hotel.

It is the purpose of the ICI to e tablish a Christian training cent where young people of every race ma be instructed and fitted to go to the own people both here and abroad wit the Christian message. Skills of th building trades, printing, bookbindin roadmaking, etc. will be taught th men. A strong course in home ec nomics will be given the women. Th Bible will be central in the whole curr culum.

Mr. Harry Roye heads the Institut Rev. Oswald Blumit is in the fiel

Winona Lake School Has Largest Session

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—The 19 session of Winona Lake School Theology was the first to be held its new Bethany Campus here, pu chased from the LeTourneau Found tion in the autumn of 1947. The camp contains almost ten acres, beautiful landscaped, has a waterfront of a thi of a mile, with sixteen buildings.

This was the twenty-ninth Annu Session since the founding of the Inst tution in 1920, by the late Dr. Campbell Morgan. The School w known for the first few years "The School of the Prophets." Sin the founding of the School there ha

several presidents: Dr. G. Camp-
Morgan, Dr. George W. Taft, Mr.
. Sawtelle, Dr. William Edward
rwolf, and Dr. J. A. Huffman.
e 1948 session is reported as the
st in the school's history. Stu-
s came from twenty-five states,
Canadian provinces, and two
gn countries. There were thirty-
denominations represented in the
nt body. The Faculty for the 1948
on included the following: Dr. J. A.
man, Dr. Gaius J. Slosser, Dr.
ld C. Schultz, Dr. J. C. Massee,
eslie R. Marston, Dr. Ralph Earle,
Oswald J. Smith, Prof. Rollin
e, Dr. H. C. Mason, Prof. Paul
ford and Prof. John A. Huffman.

day School Attendance ontest Attracts Interest

HICAGO.—With Sunday Schools
ghout the country rushing entries
a nation-wide Sunday School con-
the prospects are for a close race
he sixty odd prizes totaling more
$1,000.

ie contest, the first of its kind, is
sored by *Christian Life* magazine
five Sundays, October 31 through
ember 5. Purpose of the contest is
ocus attention upon the Sunday
ol as the chief evangelistic arm
he church, according to Robert
ker, editor.

izes will be awarded to schools in
e categories: those with atten-
e under 100; attendances between
and 300, and those with atten-
es over 300. Scoring will be based
combination percentage increase
the preceding year and the
unt of effort and ingenuity involv-
uring the period of the contest.

unday School and church leaders
ll denominations have heartily en-
ed the contest as a means "to
challenge America with the im-
ance of the Sunday School today."

PRESS

phecy Encyclopedia To be Published Soon

HILADELPHIA—A project long
n the heart of the late Dr. A. C.
belein is being revived by his son
Frank E. Gaebelein, Dr. Wilbur M.
th and Dr. H. Schuyler English.
is proposed to issue sometime in
an *Encyclopedia Prophetica.* A
nendous amount of labor and re-
ch must yet be done to complete
work. The collaborators ask the
ers and aid of evangelicals every-
re in their task.

BENEVOLENCE

und Broken for New Home for Aged

OUNTAIN LAKE, Minn.—Ground-
king ceremonies for the new Moun-
Lake Home for Aged were held
recently. Immediately following
service, excavation of the basement
begun. Volunteers with tractors
loaders, plows and shovels helped
ne work.

ne Home is being erected under the
sorship of the Bethel Hospital As-

EVANGELICALS PACK BOXES FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF
With vacations over, YFC and NAE groups throughout the nation are resuming their activities under the War Relief Commission. Elkhart, Ind., donors are shown in photo.

sociation, in which the various churches of the community cooperate. The estimated cost of the building is $240,000, of which $60,000 has already been donated.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Election Day Issues Of Church Interest

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Church groups are interested in a number of proposals, including several major measures affecting liquor control, among the state constitutional amendments, referenda and initiated bills which will appear on the November ballot in various states.

Topping the list of liquor regulatory proposals on the ballots is a *Kansas* amendment for repeal of that state's sixty-seven-year-old state-wide prohibition.

The proposed Kansas "wet" amendment, on which a close vote is forecast, reads as follows: "The Legislature may provide for the prohibition of intoxicating liquors in certain areas. Subject to the foregoing, the Legislature may regulate, license and tax the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and may regulate the possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors. The open saloon shall be and is hereby forever prohibited."

Two conflicting local option measures are on the *California* ballot. One proposal would provide that no retail liquor license (on sale or off sale) shall be issued, renewed or transferred by the State Board of Equalization until such action has been approved by the governing agency of the city or county where the premises in question are located.

The other California proposal would: Make it the duty of local governing bodies, by ordinance, to regulate the presence of minors in liquor resorts and to require proper ventilation, illumination and sanitary facilities; and direct local governing bodies to prohibit the serving of liquor to an unescorted woman in an on-sale establishment unless she is seated at a table.

Oregon and *Washington* will vote on proposals to permit the sale of liquor by the drink. Extension of local option to counties, election districts, wards or election precincts is proposed in *Colorado*, while an *Arkansas* measure would require local option elections to be held at general elections only.

Proposal on the *South Dakota* ballot would prohibit sale of any commodity except tobacco and soft drinks by liquor establishments, and prohibit the sale of liquor in less than pint containers.

Controversial interest among church groups has been created by a *Massachusetts* ballot proposal which asks: "Shall properly qualified physicians be allowed to prescribe medical contraceptive care to married women only, for the protection of the mother's life or health?" Leaders of the Roman Catholic Church in Massachusetts are strongly on record against such legislation, while Protestant leaders have spoken in favor of it.

South Carolina's electorate will vote on a state constitutional amendment to remove the state's present complete ban against divorce.

A *California* ballot proposal would require annual state government reimbursement of every city, county or other political sub-division for any tax losses growing out of exemptions granted veterans and various religious, hospital and charitable institutions.

Maine Attorney General Upholds Bible Reading

AUGUSTA, Me. — Devotional exercises may be conducted in the public schools of Maine, Attorney General Ralph W. Farris ruled here. He notified the Boothbay Harbor school committee that "the Supreme Court ruling

in the Illinois case does not apply to Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer."

Farris' assistance was sought by the Boothbay Harbor school committee after Frank C. Hughes, Squirrel Island atheist and retired judge, had threatened court action to stop Bible reading in Maine schools.

Superintendent Harold B. Clifford, secretary of the committee, said Hughes had been informed that devotional exercises would be continued.

Hughes now threatens to carry the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

LAYMEN

International Director Appointed by Gideons

CHICAGO—A new position of International Extension Director has been created by the Gideons for the purpose of organizing and establishing the work of Gideon groups in other lands. Bernard E. Aldridge, formerly of Toronto, Canada, and now located at the Chicago Gideon headquarters, has accepted appointment to this post. He went to Europe this fall to contact Christian business men on the Continent and in Great Britain.

The work of the Gideons in other countries has already been started. In Iceland local Gideons have ordered Bibles placed in the hotels and public institutions. Groups carrying on similar work are operating in The Netherlands Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and England, and requests for information have come from many other countries. Testaments in Spanish have been shipped to Latin America for use by the armed forces of Venezuela, Peru and Chile.

Among Mr. Aldridge's duties will be the granting of requests for Bibles and Testaments for foreign lands. He is also planning to show movies and slides of the various groups that he contacts abroad.

EVANGELISM

Canadian Premier Joins In Evangelistic Rallies

CHICAGO.—Premier Ernest C. Manning, outstanding Christian leader and Prime Minister of the Province of Alberta, Canada, will be among the speakers leading eighteen West Coast Spiritual Awakening Rallies this autumn.

The first series will be led by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, nationally known evangelist of Little Rock, Ark. He will be heard in the following California cities: Turlock, San Luis Obispo, Salinas, Richmond, Lodi, San Jose and Oakland.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder of the Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C., will lead another group of rallies during October at the following points: Bellingham, Olympia, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Bremerton, all in the State of Washington; also at Portland and Salem, Oregon.

Premier Manning will address the concluding series of rallies to be held at Lodi and Oakland, Calif; Portland, Ore, and Seattle and Everett, Wash.

Simultaneous with this Spiritual Awakening Program on the West Coast, Dr. John E. Zoller, nationally known through his former Mutual Network Broadcast, "America Back to God," will lead a Western Canadian series of similar rallies.

Sixty-six churches now are allied in the movement to reach Greater Syracuse for Christ and the Church. The campaign is being led by Dr. Joe Henry Hankins and the music of the series directed by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander of Los Angeles, Calif. The meetings are being held in the First Baptist Church at the heart of the city. The campaign will close October 31. The preliminary work was done by a committee of 150 headed by Clinton H. Tasker, general chairman, who is superintendent of the Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse.

Over 1,000 Decisions In Des Moines Meet

DES MOINES, Ia.—In a revival campaign described by veteran churchmen as "the greatest in Des Moines since 1914 when Billy Sunday was here," Rev. Billy Graham of Charlotte, N. C., vice-president of Youth for Christ International, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Barrows of Modesto, Calif., and George Beverly Shea of Chicago were used of God as an evangelistic team to bring 725 people to Christ for salvation in a fifteen-day series during September.

Mayor Heck Rose presented Evangelist Graham with the key to the city upon his arrival at the municipal airport and the whole city of Des Moines was most gracious during the meetings.

Ninety-two churches in Des Moines area cooperated in the intensive "Christ for this Crisis" campaign which drew crowds up to 4,500 in Des Moines' beautiful KRNT Radio Theatre. Youth for Christ in Des Moines, under the direction of Cy Jackson, sponsored the series.

In addition to the 725 who professed belief in Christ as Savior, 417 young people under thirty-five years of age answered the missionary call on the final Sunday afternoon when twenty-nine-year old Graham presented a graphic and stirring message on world evangelization in this generation. Total decisions thus came to 1,142. These have been referred to 109 churches for follow up work.

Graham, Barrows and Shea are conducting a three-week campaign in Augusta, Ga., and will open still another meeting at Modesto, Calif., on October 24.

Midnight Cry Crusade In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The "Midnight Cry Crusade" series of prophetic conferences which began in Los Angeles September 26 (UEA September 1), will continue in the eastern part of the United States with a Prophetic Conference (October 25-31) held simultaneously in Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church and Grace Baptist Church — both in nation's capital.

Among the speakers engaged for this conference are Dr. Louis S. Bauman, Long Beach, Calif.; Rev. Moreton Scruby, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Gavin Hamilton, England; Rev. Theodore H. Epp, Lincoln, Neb., and Dr. Paul W. Rood, Glendale, Calif. Subjects to discussed include the following: "Sev Reasons Why Christ Must Retur "What Will Happen in Washing When Jesus Comes?" "The Comi World Dictator — Who Is He?" "Sev World Shaking Events Just Ahea "The Palestine Sign. Prophecy and t Problems of Palestine," "The Wo Federation Sign. Prophecy and t United Nations," and "The Interr tional Army Sign. Prophecy and t Battle of Armageddon."

The Christian Business Men's Co mittee of this city is sponsoring t Conference.

DENOMINATIONS

Presbyterians Raise Budget for Missions

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Approval a 1949 budget of $5,340,000 was vot here at the semi-annual meeting of t board of national missions of the Pr byterian Church in the U.S.A. The n budget represents an increase of nea $500,000 over the 1948 figure.

An announcement by the board s the 1949 funds would be used to ma tain more than 4,100 missionary p jects in the United States, Alaska a the West Indies and for the support 2,900 missionaries.

Cumberland Presbyterian Headquarters to Memphis

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—I mediate transfer of the headquart of the Cumberland Presbyteri Church from here to Memphis v voted by a seven-member commissi headed by Rev. Paul F. Brown of M shall, Texas, moderator of the deno nation. The decision was made afte two-day hearing of the subject. (UI October 1).

The commission announced that would meet in Memphis on Oct. 20 choose a site for the central of building and publishing house. Nashville headquarters building already been sold.

A major argument in favor of move was that Memphis is closer the denomination's center of memb ship.

Disciples Gain 200,000 And Plan Expansion

SAN FRANCISCO —(RNS)— T hundred thousand new members h been enlisted and seventy new churc have been built during the first y of a three-year crusade undertaken the Disciples of Christ. Oklahoma all states with fourteen new cong gations.

These figures were announced more than 4,000 delegates attend the International Convention of ciples here.

Crusade goal of the Disciples, it said, is to boost membership to 2,(000 (there are currently 1,600, members); organize 200 new church add $14,000,000 to finances and exp the foreign mission field.

Rev. Virgil W. Wallace, presid of the Disciples' National Evangeli Association, in a convention add said that Christianity has been re

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"a non-aggressive religion," and
he time had come for Disciples to
gressively evangelistic.
Wallace asserted that "a god-
hilosophy has reached its tentacles
our government, our homes, our
rsities, and in some instances, in-
pulpits."
posing that the Church get ready
go all out" for a total revival
l at the redemption of men and
ttainment of a peaceful society,
rged the delegates to "go back
ur fields with your hearts on fire."
ve your congregations training
rsonal evangelism and wheel them
line," he exhorted. "It is indeed
geddon and we know that we
e not only for the souls of men
for the very existence of the
"

day School Meets id Methodist Growth

INONA LAKE, Ind.—The current
lay-school advance in the Free
hodist Church is being spearheaded
a coast to coast series of regional
entions featuring top talent and
ership.
ev. A. L. Brown, the general secre-
, reports a tremendous response to
e streamlined versions of the old-
ioned Sunday-school conventions
h played such a vital role in early
day-school history.
ntario, California; Tacoma, Wash-
on; Winona Lake, Indiana; Lansing,
higan; Ansley, Nebraska and Pleas-
ville, Pennsylvania have already
ed host to one of these gather-
, and four others were sheduled
late September and October.

thern Baptist Premillennial Meet

HATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(RNS)—
rchmen from ten states attended
first South-wide conference of the
-year-old Southern Baptist Pre-
ennial Fellowship here. It was prob-
y the first time any Southern Bap-
group met to organize around a
cific doctrine. All other Baptist
ups stress the complete Bible.
he conference elected Dr. Charles
Stevens of Winston-Salem, N. C.,
Fellowship president. Dr. Stevens
president of the Piedmont Bible
itute at Winston-Salem, N. C.
ther officers named were: Dr. Paul
erts of Decatur, Ala., vice-presi-
t; Dr. William Potter of Camden-
Mo., executive secretary; and Rev.
old Harsh of Decatur, Ala., trea-
er. Dr. Lee Roberson of Chat-
ooga was named chairman of a ten-
advisory board.
Membership in the Fellowship, said
number 6,000, is predicated upon
nbership in a church cooperating
the Southern Baptist Convention.

\$10,000,000 Program For Southern Baptists

ASHVILLE, Tenn.—Executives of
thern Baptist agencies and mem-
of the Southern Baptist Executive
mmittee laid tentative plans in a
ed meeting here for an enlarged
gram of world evangelism beginning
950.
he sessions endorsed proposals of
Foreign Mission Board for a Pro-
gram of Advance which would increase the foreign mission personnel from 670 to 1,750 and the Board's annual budget from \$3,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

Members of the Executive Committee's promotion and finance subcommittees formed the nucleus for the meeting, and their recommendations will be presented to the full session of the Committee in December. Actions there will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City next May.

—INTER - CHURCH—

Business Leader Assails WCC on Capitalism Stand

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Robert W. Johnson, chairman of the board of the Johnson & Johnson Company here, assailed the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which met in Amsterdam recently, for its "irresponsible" denunciation of capitalism.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting in the Second Reformed church during a convocation at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Johnson said he resented the bracketing of capitalism with Communism by the World Council.

In an address on "Christian Ethics and Modern Industry," Johnson advocated what he called a "service-capitalism" in which the ministry could play an important role by helping with human problems.

This service-capitalism, he said, would be the type in which community welfare was the primary consideration. "Service-capitalism is given to public service," he added, "It is not an ideal but a practical sociology, with an ultimate profit for all."

"It is wholly American," Johnson declared, "and not to be confused with a strange, outmoded European system of enterprise, free or otherwise."

"Human relations are more than matters of expediency, sound psychology or profitable business," he said. "They are also moral and religious."

Pittsburgh Protestants Lag in Church Members

PITTSBURGH —(RNS)— Although nearly eight of every ten of Alleghany County's 1,291 churches are Protestant, Protestantism is a minority faith as far as church membership is concerned, according to a recent report.

Estimating the combined county church membership at 999,777, the report broke that figure down as follows: Roman Catholic membership—469,706; Protestant membership—444,821; Jewish—65,000; Eastern Orthodox and National Polish Catholic—20,250.

About 500,000 persons in the county belong to no church, the report disclosed, adding that the Protestant churches "show a deficiency in evangelizing vigor as well as in public relations skill."

PARISH

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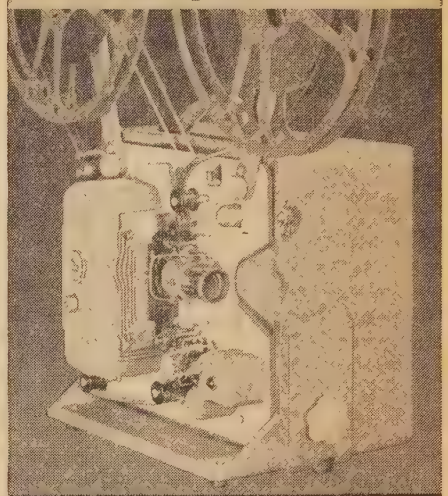

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as pastor of Temple Baptist Church on September 12. Large audiences greeted Dr. Decker on that day and heard him tell of his experiences in Europe this summer where he attended the International Conference of Evangelicals at Clarens, Switzerland and the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam.

During Dr. Decker's Kansas City ministry 865 have been added to the church—462 by baptism and 403 by letter or restoration. Offering for missions has increased some thirty percent. The present membership is 1,255.

In addition to his strenuous work in this downtown field Dr. Decker is serving as executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals.

YOUTH

Ayer Heads British YFC Evangelism Team

CHICAGO—A British Youth for Christ evangelistic team composed of Dr. William Ward Ayer, New York, George Edstrom, Rochester, Minn. and Theodore Bergman, Minneapolis, Minn., left by plane from LaGuardia Field, New York City, October 4, Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ, International, has announced.

The team, captained by Dr. Ayer, pastor of the famous Calvary Baptist Church of New York City and last year voted the third most popular citizen of Manhattan in a radio poll, flew directly to London. They will spend two and a half months in England, Scotland and Ireland under the sponsorship of British Youth for Christ. This is the third year that a team has been sent to the British Isles.

Dr. Ayer will return in time for Christmas. Edstrom and Bergman will continue on into the Scandinavian countries, France, Italy and other lands. The team is the first of forty expected to be sent out by Youth for Christ this coming year, Dr. Cook said.

German-American Youth Urged Exchange Letters

CHICAGO— Young evangelicals are being encouraged to correspond with German and Austrian students in Europe through the United States Office of Education.

Dr. R. L. Decker, executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a recent announcement said, "This certainly is one of the most effective ways to build understanding between the young people of the United States and the young people of our former enemy and conquered nations who need so desperately to learn first hand the fundamental principles of democracy and the ideals for which this country has stood, and for which we have fought."

"Over one hundred thousand letters have been received by the Office of Education," said Dr. Decker. "Many of them are written by young adults and others who have left school and are now engaged in the professions, business or farming. Many are earnest evangelical Christians, and many are inquiring into the nature of the Christian faith. Some of these are people who have been cut off from Christian education by the system of Nazi propaganda education which prevailed in the native country during their school day

"The Office of Education has informed the NAE that they are n able to find correspondents for t writers of the letters who are n students. Therefore, they are appea ing to us to find Christian people wh will be willing to receive these lette and answer them and carry on a co respondence with people in Germa and Austria. This seems to be a re opportunity for personal evangelism its best and for the development Christian fellowship between t believers of different nations."

"Some of the letters are written German, "continued Dr. Decker, "a though most of them are in Englis It would be very helpful if evangelica in America who can read Germ would be willing to receive the lette written in German and reply to the However, an understanding of Germ is not essential to participation in t interesting project."

Those who are interested in carryi on a correspondence with people similar interests in Europe may app for names and addresses and lette to Dr. Helen Dwight Reid, Chi European Section, Division of Interr tional Educational Relations, Feder Security Agency, U. S. Office of Educ tion, Washington 25, D. C.

YFC Rallies Convert Many Italian Youth

TORONTO, Can.—About 1,000 It ian youth heard Dr. Oswald J. Smi of Peoples Church, Toronto in a You for Christ rally in Rome recently. was held during the annual gatheri of Catholic Action youth when t Pope addressed 450,000 young men a women.

The YFC meeting was held in t Roman College where the Pope w educated. The response was remarkal for a Protestant meeting in Ro Over 250 signed decision cards.

Next day two of Rome's larg newspapers carried big three and fo column stories of the rally, reporti in full what they called "the violent o position from the Catholics," favorable to Youth for Christ. One the reporters was so interested that came to the hotel, interviewed D Smith for two hours and published t interview with his picture next day

Dr. Smith's rally in Naples witness some 300 signing decision cards, and crush that threatened to break t platform in an effort to get New Te aments. According to the Toron pastor, "Italy is wide open to t Gospel, the people ready and eager listen and to respond, but the pover both physical and spiritual, is describable."

"Youth Mobilization" Planned in New York

NEW YORK.—Several thousa young people of the Greater New Yo Metropolitan Area will attend the 14 Annual Christian Youth Mobilizat Week and Youth Congress during t week of Oct. 25 through 31 under t auspices of the Christian Youth Ca paign of America, Rev. Lloyd Bryant, director.

There will be upwards of thi

rallies held during that week
five leading youth evangelists
king on the theme: "Is Christ Suf-
t for Today's Youth?"
ld in different churches of many
minations and sponsored by the lo-
hurch youth, flying squadrons of
will visit many community
hes and secular clubs inviting
to attend the local rally.
Mobilization Week will climax
e Congress on Sunday afternoon at
in the Gospel Tabernacle in the
s Square district.
eakers during the week will be:
Joseph Morone, nationally known
evangelist; Rev. Howard Jones,
tor of the Soldiers for Christ
dcast in New York City; Rev.
ur Morone, pastor of the People's
ist Church of Bayonne, N. J.; Rev.
rt D. Hayden, pastor of the First
ist Church of Hempstead, L. I.;
gelist Johny Trader, former
dway orchestra leader and popular
writer and Rev. Lloyd T. Bryant,
tor of the sponsoring movement.

RADIO

heran Evangelism
o Have Radio Hour

INNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Beginning
ber 3 the Lutheran Evangelistic
ement assumed responsibility for a
-hour weekly radio ministry called
"Voice of Lutheran Evangelism." It
be heard on Sundays over stations
GY of Minneapolis and WEBC,
uth. Pastor E. J. Conrad is speaker.
or the past fifteen consecutive
's this program has been sponsored
a radio committee from Trinity
heran Church, Minneapolis.

vation Army Has
New Radio Broadcast

EW YORK.—The Salvation Army
produced thirteen religious radio
rdings, entitled "Adventures in
h," for use by local stations. They
open-end platters with "down-to-
h" messages of the national com-
der of the Salvation Army, Com-
sioner Ernest I. Pugmire, New
k.

sails FCC Decision
On Atheist Broadcasts

ASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A
ng of the Federal Communications
mission which permitted radio
to atheists was assailed here as
ngerous and mischievous" by the
se Select Committee investigating
FCC.
he committee said the language
in the FCC decision was "care-
" and "unfortunate" and should be
nged from the Commission's rec-
. If this were not done, the com-
ee said, "your committee will pro-
legislation in the next session of
gress."
its criticism of the Scott decision,
has come to be known, the com-
ee said that by it the FCC "clearly
des the field of legislation and in-
es in quasi-judicial legislation on
bject which Congress clearly de-
d to be outside the Communications
" The Scott decision had been in-
reted in some quarters as a ruling
time on the air must be given to
atheists to reply to religious broad-
casts.

If applied literally, the committee de-
clared, the Scott decision "would have
the effect of either driving religious
programs from the air, or flooding the
homes of listeners with a barrage of
unwelcome attacks on religion."

Protest Beer Sponsor
On Baseball Broadcast

DETROIT, Mich.—The management
of the Detroit "Tigers" American
League ball club finds itself a storm
center of complaints about the Goebel
Brewing Company sponsorship of its
1948 baseball broadcasts.

Religious organizations in the De-
troit area launched a letter-writing
campaign to prevent renewal of the
option by the Brewers for 1949. Rev.
W. M. MacKay, former executive
secretary of the Detroit Area Michigan
Temperance Foundation, has organized
a committee to show Billy Evans, gen-
eral manager of the ball club, "that
many persons would prefer other spon-
sorship for the broadcasts."

The Detroit Methodist Church has
officially endorsed the campaign and
the Michigan Conferences were asked
to keep the complaining letters pouring
in. Meanwhile, the committee is trying
to interest other manufacturers in
sponsoring the broadcast of the base-
ball programs.

MISSIONS

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New Missionaries

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ies under appointment by the CBFMS.

Among the appointees were six to the Belgian Congo: Dr. Ramsey Humphrey, resident physician at J. N. Adam Memorial Hospital, Perrysburg, N. Y., and Mrs. Humphrey; Rev. and Mrs. Harry E. Peters, Lancaster, Pa., pioneer missionaries in the Belgian Congo field; Miss Edna M. Doughten, Newtown Square, Pa., and Mrs. Elwin Pelletier, R. N. (formerly Miss Lois Uhlinger). Mrs. Pelletier's brother, Paul, who returned to Africa under the CBFMS three years ago was one of the three missionaries who lost their lives in the crash of the Society's plane last January.

Appointed to work in South America are: Rev. and Mrs. Vergil Gerber, Perry, N. Y., who will go to Station HCJB in Ecuador, and Richard J. Sturtz who will go to Brazil.

The Candidates Committee of the Society reported to the Board that there are ninety-one active applications still on file in the CBFMS office.

Maranatha Missions Gifts Reach $45,000

PONTIAC, Mich.—Continued capacity attendance, and challenging results, marked in 1948 season of the Maranatha Bible Conference. Due to the continued capacity attendance, the tabernacle had to be enlarged so as to now provide for seats for between 1,500 and 1,600.

The most outstanding result of the ten weeks of conference was the fact that about $45,000 was raised for missions. This included gifts for establishing several new stations in Africa; pledges for the support of several missionaries; and gifts totaling over $9,000 for a mission chapel in Quito, Ecuador. The new chapel to be named "Maranatha" will house hundreds of converts made in recent months (UEA, September 15). A Gospel sound truck also named "Maranatha," is already operating in Ecuador.

CIM Head to Spend Three Months in US

PHILADELPHIA. —Bishop Frank Houghton, general director of the China Inland Mission, has arrived in New York from Engand with his wife. They are on their way to the headquarters of the Mission in Shanghai, China.

Speaking at a special service in Philadelphia Bishop Houghton said that China was passing through darkness and distress, but added that "it is our duty to go into this maelstrom of world events with God for the fulfillment of His will." He told of visiting the mayor of Shanghai and praying for the mayor at the close of the interview, when the mayor remarked, "This is the first time this has happened to me: people generally come to ask for favors, but no one has ever before come to pray for me. Thank you."

Referring to President Chiang Kai-shek as a "Christian leader," Bishop Hougton said we need to pray more for him and talk less. As for the government of China, he said "there is less corruption in it now than there has been for the past thirty years," and in clever innuendo suggested that the governments of the western powers are not entirely free from corruption their politics.

Bishop and Mrs. Houghton expect be in North America for about th months before returning to China.

Dr. and Mrs. Ford L. Canfield booked to sail for China from N York in mid-October, for a year's v to the field. Dr. Canfield is candid secretary of the China Inland Missi

—PERSONALIA—

T. W. Wilson of Dothan, Ala., thir year old successful pastor and leadi figure in the worldwide growth of Youth for Christ movement, has be named vice president of Northweste Schools in Minneapolis, Minn.

Louis E. Duit, outstanding leader the Cumberland Presbyterian Chu in the Pacific Coast area and mem of the Board of Directors of the E Eastern Broadcasting Company, pas to his reward recently.

Robert T. Ketcham, long pastor the Walnut Street Baptist Chur Waterloo, Ia., has resigned to beco national representative of the Gene Association of Regular Baptists.

Ernest S. Williams, general super tendent of the Assemblies of God, announced that he will not contin in office after the next meeting of General Council, September 1949.

S. Maxwell Coder, former editor-chief of Moody Press, has been pointed vice president and dean education in the Moody Bible Institu

Edward A. Cording, former direc of Moody Press, has accepted appoi ment as executive director of the C servatory of Music in Wheaton C lege succeeding Dr. Peter Stam, Jr

Philip Hanson of Crystal Lake, has accepted a call to serve as eva gelist for the Commission on Eva gelism of the Evangelical Luther Church.

J. S. Howard Brinsfield has acce ed the presidency of Lee Colle Church of God institution at Clevela Tenn.

Hans Meiser, dominant figure world Lutheranism for three decad has accepted the invitation of the N tional Lutheran Council and Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) spend six weeks in America. Dr. Mei has been bishop of the Evangeli Lutheran Church in Bavaria since 19

Albert E Goodrich, former execut secretary of the Texas Christian E deavor Union, has accepted a call serve as field secretary of the Misso Union.

O. A. Trinkle, pastor of Englew Christian Church, Indianapolis, I largest church of the communion in state, has resigned to become p motional secretary of Minnesota Bi College, Minneapolis, Minn.

Julian C. McPheeters, for ma years pastor of Glide Memorial Met dist Church in San Francisco, has signed to give full time to Asb Theological Seminary, Wilmore, For some years Dr. McPheeters been serving as president of the se nary, commuting between Francisco and Wilmore.

Ecclesiastical Octopus

(Continued from page 10)

[r. Hays was glad-handed into FCC Church and Drama Com-ee together with his lieutenant, Milliken. This gave him the ee to the Federal Council which used to the best of his light by ing Dr. Macfarland, its Secre-, on his secret pay-roll. When came to the surface Macfarland signed his post because of ad-ced age and upon the advice of physician" (*New York Times,* 0, April 26, p. 2). Since then he renewed his youth and is in l about the purlieus of the Fed-l headquarters as secretary-eritus and book-reviewer. Sixteen nters have passed over his devoted d since his resignation.

Fifty-two persons in various or-nizations, it was discovered, were eiving gratuities from the Motion tures Producers and Distributors America. (See correspondence in *New York Times,* March 31, 30, p. 23 and June 30, 1931). These episodes make clear to hat dangers an organization such the FCC is exposed. "If ye were the world, *the world would love own.*"

It also makes clear how little a nited front" counts, and how uch more important are able and selfish individuals. If there is any gitimate field for operation, any hich could commend itself to itics as well as friends of the FCC, is "cleaning up the movies." This not poking into politics. It is holding public morals and Con-essmen would welcome it as roper action on the part of urches. Further it has been a tterly needed reform. Yet the CC has left it to a few courageous dividuals as Canon William heafe Chase and Dr. Shipler of e *Churchman* to do whatever has en done by Protestantism in this eld. "The potent influence" which claimed its Church and Drama ommittee was exerting has been urely imaginary as compared with e protest of the Roman Catholic eague of Decency. Unfortunately is last has been a screen for cleri-l control and for this reason wakens misgiving.

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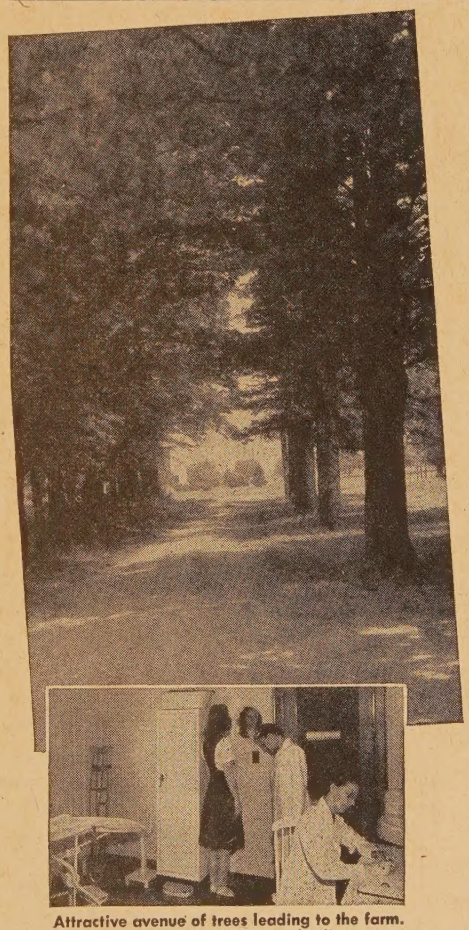

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(Is this anything but an observing and platonic interest?)

We have worked with the Soil Conservation Service and encouraged that agency to produce special materials on soil conservation that may be useful to town and country churches.

(As if there were not a Federal Department of Agriculture and agricultural colleges in every state to do this.)

Three of our members are a Committee on Land Tenure which has the generous assistance of staff members of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Farm Foundation.

(In doing what?)

In the course of the year we have conferred informally with leaders of the Roman Catholic Rural Life Movement and with officers of the Jewish Agricultural Society.

(With what results?)

And to cap all:

Since 1929 the Committee has encouraged the observance of Rogation Sunday.

Rogation days are days in which Roman Catholic clergy perambulate the parishes in procession, singing litanies for *les biens de la terre*, as Littre defines it, "for good crops."

For years this propaganda for Rogation Sunday has proceeded. How many country churches have adopted it?

The FCC and Labor

To one on the outside the single phase of FCC operations which seems to approach any importance is that in behalf of industrial workers and this is apparently due to the personal competence of Mr. James Myers. His sympathetic work for "sharecroppers, textile workers, coal miners, steel workers, out of works and other socially depressed has been highly praised by labor and Prof. Liston Pope of the FCC Industrial Department has even declared him the instigator of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee which, if true, is certainly a fact that covers a multitude of FCC ineptitudes.

It is, however, mistakenly supposed that the FCC played an important role in the abolition of the twelve hour day in the steel industry. The movement began in 1911 when John A. Fitch's Pittsbu Survey was published by the Russ Sage Foundation. This brought M Charles M. Cabot, a Boston sto holder into active agitation for end of twelve hour servitude. protests to the U. S. Steel Corpo tion were fortified by the establi ment of a fund to finance resea on the subject.

Followed the steel strike wh led the Interchurch World Mo ment to set a committee for study of the situation, headed able Bishop McConnell and Al Taylor and aided technically by Bureau of Industrial Relations. 1920 the Three Shift System w taken up in a joint meeting of Taylor Society, the American So ety of Mechanical Engineers, a other engineering societies. Survey of March 5, 1921, publish further studies made for Mr. Cab again by John A. Fitch. Then FCC Commission on Church a Social Service asked the steel co panies to abolish the twelve ho shift, which was followed by a sta ment of President Harding, Janua 1923, published by the Federat American Engineering Societies a vocating reform.

Finally a joint manifesto of FCC, the American Rabbis, and National Catholic Welfare Coun added its demand for reform.

Suum cuique. But it is diffic to assign the credit accurately. Myers hardly does so when he titles the chapter which de devo to this subject, "Rabbi, Priest, a Parson." It appears to have b all over but the shouting when t trio appeared on the stage.

(To be continued)

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Race Discrimination

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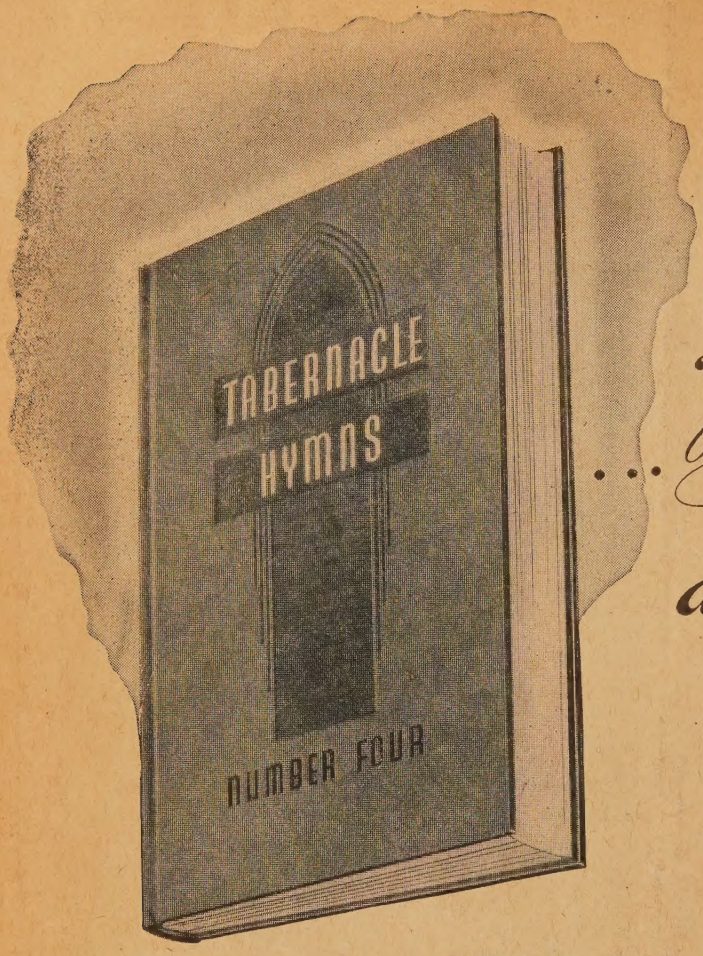

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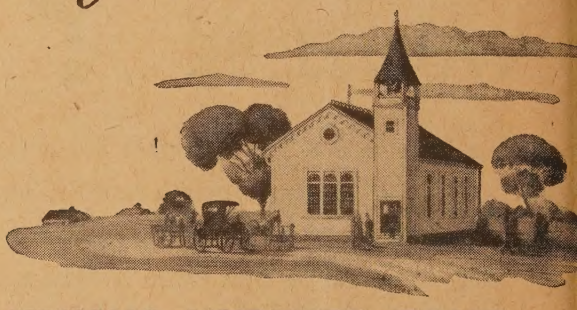

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